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STRIKE MALADY

It is possible to add to established optimism by regarding conditions as they are at the moment in the light of a sickness. There have been the symptoms, then the outbreak leading either to a crisis or a quick suppression; and in the case of the former to convalescence and complete recovery. This view indicates that a resumption of normal Hongkong life is merely a matter of time. This being so the continuation of marking time in strict measure, if it needs not to be urged, can lose nothing by being emphasised. The community has been given a distinct, direct and clear lead by H. E. the Governor. For this let us give due credit. In addition the recognised leading foreign firms and institutions have nobly ridden the storm. No praise can be too lavish in commenting on the arrangements so promptly initiated and so efficiently maintained. It is in the main due to this happy triumph of maintaining the supply of essential service that really matters—the supply of food—that the spirit of equanimity is so strongly evident to which has to be added the knowledge that the Colony has had a pistol placed at its head which, probably to the surprise of those who have held it as misfired. Attention has been diverted to Canton and to the happenings there. As in Hongkong so in Canton! There is no case to answer and nothing of which to be ashamed. The spirit of the British Community in performing things,

but there has won commendation by its absolute fearlessness and its insistence on the truth. Bloodshed is to be deplored but those who resort to it must expect reprisals. All this but skims the cream of the present situation behind which the evil of anti-foreignism backed by the worst forces of Bolshevism lurk. The simile of sickness suffices for the time being. The disease has spread, but the doctors have the case well in hand and the time seems rapidly drawing in sight when the patient arriving at convalescence will sit up and take nourishment—of common sense.

Prolivity.

Lord Oxford is responsible for the reference to an American orator that "he was like a train of fifteen cars and only one passenger." And England's orator of good English comments—"That is prolivity." The quotation comes very apt after a glance at the current issue of that sometimes exciting journal "The Hongkong Government Gazette." In it is to be found a series of regulations under the caption "Prison Rules." They are indeed "a train of fifteen cars and only one passenger." No fewer than three hundred and thirty-five clauses make up these "Prison Rules" to say nothing of menus of prison fare. Tribute is not paid to the author of this literary masterpiece. Jaded readers of fiction will undoubtedly find something of interest in these pages, and if only on that account, and on that account only a perusal is highly recommended. Clause 177 instructs that "..... the hair of the prisoner shall not be cut closer than may be necessary for the purpose of health and cleanliness." The scintillating purity and clearness of this instruction like the peace of God, passes all understanding. The Chief Warder has twenty-four clauses devoted to him and of these 22 begin, "The Chief Warder shall." His job is not exactly "a bobby's one." He is not to absent himself from his duties without the permission of the Superintendent and—and this seems terrible—he "shall endeavour to exercise a sound moral influence over both the officers and prisoners placed under his supervision. He shall restrain by his authority every tendency to oppression or undue harshness on the part of the prison officers, and likewise every tendency to levity, rudeness and insubordination on the part of prisoners, and shall aim to raise the minds of the prison officers to a sense of their responsibility." If Chief Warders do young we now know the reason.... But space is limited for a further analysis of this momentous piece of official prolivity. If similar productions govern the working of other Government Departments we can well understand why there is a "bobby's" in performing things,

A LIVELY CROWD

POLICE DISPERSE CROWD
CLEARING A WHARF

Large crowds attempted to board the Tung On as she lay alongside the wharf this morning and they became so insistent in their demands that a certain amount of force had to be used by the police in clearing the wharf.

One man, even then, broke away and taking a flying leap, managed to get aboard. The crowd seemed to be under the impression that the boat was leaving at once for Canton but it only went as far as the naval yard where, it is believed, supplies for Shameen are to be put on board.

The Tung On, also it is thought, the Sai On and Charles Bardouin will leave later for Canton.

CANTON QUIET

AGITATORS LEFT FOR
SAMSHUI

Canton is still quiet, the China Mail learned upon enquiry from the naval authorities who appear to be the only well informed source of information at the present time. Agitators are reported to have gone from Canton to Samshui in an endeavour to stir up trouble there. (Samshui is a treaty port further up the West River.)

STRIKE ITEM

House boys and amahs are said to have returned in large numbers in the Happy Valley district and asked to be taken back.

The "Bus service instituted by the Hongkong Hotel to Causeway Bay and Happy Valley has proved very popular indeed. With two motors on the run a half-hour service is maintained.

PROPAGANDA RESTRICTED
Government and Canton Gazette. The China Mail learns that the powers invested in Government by the emergency regulations regarding censorship are to be exercised in regard to the Canton Gazette, which will not be allowed to circulate in the Colony.

A prominent position is given in Thursday's issue of this organ of the Canton Bolsheviks to the alleged resolutions of the American staff of the Canton Christian College and streamer headlines on the front page state that "the massacre has contributed another sacrifice on the altar of foreign imperialism."

Another streamer heading on an inside page announces that the Hongkong Government is "terror stricken by the general strike."

ANTI-FOREIGN STRIKE ENDS

(Reuter's Service.)

Shanghai June 26th.

This morning's developments terminate the anti-foreign strike in Shanghai, but do not affect the industrial strike which is virtually a boycott aimed principally at the British and Japanese. The Chamber of Commerce last night formally requested the re-opening of the shops and banks of which 70 per cent. acquiesced.

At 9 o'clock crowds in the streets watched the distribution of Chamber of Commerce handbills which were viewed with some suspicion, but in order to ensure the public confidence in them a delegation consisting of the Foreign Commissioner, the Prefect in Chief of the Shanghai-Woosung Constabulary, the Chinese City Magistrate, and representatives of the Chamber of Commerce and federated unions made a procession through the streets in motors bearing flags inscribed "Shops should be opened. The Government takes full responsibility for negotiations." After this the hesitations opened their doors.

STUDENTS' BIG IDEAS

Shanghai, June 26th. A meeting of the Shanghai Students' Union yesterday afternoon resolved to appeal to the students all over the country to learn the art of war and be ready to fight for their country, to appeal to the patriotism of the militarists and select lecturers to arouse the people and soldiers.

A programme for wide student demonstrations yesterday was largely a farce owing to official prohibitions, while precautions in Shanghai completely frustrated the student activities.

Many Volunteers and "Specials" have been withdrawn from the streets which appear normal this afternoon. Two Japanese destroyers from Pootung have gone to Amoy and Canton.

MARKET STARTED

FIRST TIME SINCE STRIKE
BEGAN
HOPEFUL AUGURY

For the first time since the beginning of the strike the Central Market stalls were manned with a limited number of workers this morning and meat was to be obtained.

This, the Food Controller, Mr. N. L. Smith, told a China Mail representative, is due to the action of the Tung Wah Hospital in placing men at the disposal of the Government. The Government has promised the owners all along that if their men left they would see to the slaughtering and preparation of the animals also the delivering of meat to the market in vans and the owners had replied that it was as much as their lives were worth to allow it to be sold.

The action of the Tung Wah hospital will probably lead to greater confidence, however. The start is only in a small way at present, Mr. Smith informed, the China Mail, but there was plenty of beef and pork in stock and the supply in the market he hoped would gradually increase.

Mr. Smith further informed the China Mail that owing to the action of the Tung Wah Hospital in selling rice cheaply the Chinese retailers had this morning been forced to bring their prices down and rice was now to be had at almost below pre-strike cost. Notices were now up at the shops that owing to the price charged by the Tung Wah Hospital the price would be reduced to \$7.00 a picul. As much as \$14.00 had been charged just recently, said Mr. Smith, which was exorbitant as there was a plentiful supply here.

With regard to firewood, the next most important item in the poor man's budget, as Mr. Smith remarked, it had been found upon inquiry that there was about two months' supply in the Colony. Mr. Harold Seth had been appointed Firewood controller under Mr. Smith and the question was being considered as to whether the Government would have to make purchases elsewhere.

So far he had avoided Government purchase of any supplies, said Mr. Smith.

SHANGHAI POSITION

Shanghai residents arriving here by the P. and O. s.s. Malva yesterday afternoon expressed surprise that the Colony is so outwardly calm—compared with the more troubled conditions in the North. While the streets in Hongkong have their usual peaceful appearance, apart from the absence of trams and a display of kahlai, the streets in Shanghai present an almost warlike aspect, all the shops being shuttered and armoured cars being seen passing to and fro at intervals. There are also large numbers of marines to be seen about the streets. The principal bridges are being guarded by American sailors, Japanese sailors are also in evidence especially in the Hongkew district. At night time the motor canterers are to be seen visiting the various points at which the forces are stationed. Shanghai, in short, has settled down to a state of siege. There is a spirit of common endeavour to win through. This spirit is to be seen in a hundred different ways. It manifests itself in the way the public services are being run, no work being too exacting for the many willing volunteers. The spirit of common endeavour is also to be seen in the little acts of kindly help which every person requiring assistance can call upon—indeed such assistance does not need to be sought, it is proffered before it is sought.

The most reassuring feature of the Shanghai situation is the fact that the Shanghai Municipal Council has matters well in hand. The Council consists of men of sound common sense accustomed to dealing with the hard facts of life. They are handling the present trouble in a thoroughly businesslike way. Besides this they have the forces at their disposal to carry their measures into effect, as they are able to call upon a most efficient police force, an exceptionally well organised volunteer corps, and a large number of blue-jackets and marines from the ships of the interested powers. Therefore, although Shanghai like Hongkong, is not without its share of alarmists, the future can be faced with every confidence in the eventual and final triumph of law and order over the forces of disruption.

Hongkong, which is so much better off in many respects, and which must look to Shanghai for an official settlement, can rely upon the problem being handled in the best possible manner.

SHAMEEN SHOOTING

AMERICAN RETRACTS
STATEMENT

Inadequate Information

Dr. Alexander Baxter, Vice-President of the Canton Christian College, yesterday retracted statements attributed to the seventeen American staff members at the College, in which blame and responsibility for what the statement termed "the merciless and unjustified assault" rests entirely on those who directed the firing from Shameen.

This statement expressed to "our Chinese colleagues, students and friends" deep-felt sympathy and support. The world had been inadequately informed of the Chinese viewpoint, continued the statement, and the signatories were determined to co-operate with the Chinese in the presentation of their case.

The statement attributed to the Shameen troops the firing of the first shots and stated that the parade was proceeding in an orderly manner and was composed largely of students and workmen unarmed and defenceless.

In a statement signed yesterday in the presence of Sir Claude Severn, Mr. W. W. Hornell, Vice President of the Hongkong University, and Mr. A. G. Fletcher, Mr. Baxter said that he could not say whether the translation of which the above is an extract was a correct one of what he and his colleagues had signed. The Chinese masters had informed them of the gist of it and had asked that it should be made available at once for publication.

Students from the College had returned after the firing and had stated that their procession had been fired on without firing on their side. They produced blood-stained clothes. Their story was corroborated in every detail by trustworthy members of the Chinese staff and had been accepted, as Dr. Baxter and Dr. Henry the President of the College, had been unable to get to Shameen themselves.

Since this statement had been signed, stated Dr. Baxter, in his retraction yesterday, he had been entirely satisfied from what he had gathered from eyewitnesses that the firing started from the Chinese side. He had not been aware of the fact that the statement had been directed to the American public with the hope that America would do her best to assist China in securing just treatment and in realising her aims to free herself from foreign imperialism.

HONGKONG AMERICAN'S VIEW

The following letter expressing the opinion of the American community of Hongkong as to the Shameen shooting has been signed by as many members of the American community as could be reached in a short space of time this morning.

The letter is addressed to the Editor of the China Mail and is as follows:—

Sir,—On account of the serious implications and consequences involved in the statement of the American members of the foreign staff of the Canton Christian College as expressed in the resolutions originally printed in the Canton Gazette, we, the undersigned members of the American Community in Hongkong, desire to place on record our emphatic disapproval of the action of the parties concerned, whose entire lack of judgment and restraint at such a time, we consider deplorable.

Although a retraction has been made and published, which places the resolutions originally printed we wish to leave the Hongkong Community in no doubt as to our attitude.

FOUND DEAD

News reached the Colony on Thursday night that Mr. Burge, the manager of the Canton branch of the British American Tobacco Co. (China) Ltd., was found dead in the reading room of the Canton Club at about 8 p.m. on Wednesday night. He was a discharged revolver, was found by his side. How he met his death and in what circumstances the body was found has not yet been ascertained.

An inquest is said to have been held at H. B. M. Consulate-General, but it is not known what verdict was arrived at. It is however, clearly, that Mr. Burge's death had nothing to do with the Shameen disturbance.

STAR FERRY

ONE BOAT AT PRESENT
SPEEDIER SERVICE LATER

Early this morning only one Star Ferry boat was running, but the time taken for crossing was not far below that of ordinary times.

The "Star" Ferry operatives did not put in an appearance this morning and the restricted service is due to their assurance (after their first announcement that they were going to cease work) that they would be back as usual after all.

Bluejackets, deckhands and artificers from the navy are manning the boats and the result of the observations and tests they have been making in the event of an emergency such as has arisen is to be seen in the good runs they are making and the ease with which they are using the boats to the wharves. It is hoped to supplement the service during the course of the day.

Later, two boats are maintaining a service not far below normal.

No Chinese are being allowed on the ferry unless they are season ticket holders or have accompanied in the city bus or Kowloon Railway. This is due to the urgent necessity of the business necessitating their crossing.

The Kowloon and Mongkok ferries are running as usual, but some launches have been affected.

NOT RIOTERS

WORKERS UNDER POLICE
SUPPLY EXCEEDS DEMAND
PROTECTION

In spite of the fact that the "Empress of Asia" has had to call upon the services of schoolboys and masters in their endeavour to get it out of the harbour and on the Vancouver run to-day, it would appear that there are many qualified Chinese who are willing to act as stokers, etc., if they are guaranteed protection.

This is apparent from the response to an appeal made through the police for stokers for launches which have been affected. Many more applications were received than there were places and those who were engaged have given complete satisfaction.

Dock hands to replace those out on strike have been provided in abundance (also through the agency of the police) and the services of other skilled men and coolies can be obtained by firms in need who make application.

This morning a crowd of Chinese coolies and other workmen was to be seen outside the C. I. D. Office and these, it appears, were Chinese who had volunteered for service in any capacity provided protection was given.

The crowds observed under the superintendence of police guards yesterday and this morning gave rise to alarmed queries as to whether they might not be mobs arrested in the course of demonstrations but they are merely workers under the protection they have asked for.

LINER'S CREW

The trip to Vancouver on the s.s. "Empress of Asia" will be a memorable one from the point of view of the passengers and many of the crew.

The schools or colleges in the Colony having been closed in view of recent developments in China, many of the masters volunteered for service on the Empress boat. They have signed on in some cases for the most menial tasks. A Hongkong University professor is said to be among the galley boys.

Schoolboys are discharging the less arduous tasks of stewards. The Empress, it is hoped, will leave at noon to-day.

London, June 26.

A report from Bombay states that Japanese exporters are buying heavy stocks of cotton on the strength of Press reports that Japan is preparing for war against China and is ready to sacrifice her Chinese markets by amassing enough cotton to tide over the period of hostilities. It is also significant that there is a great demand from the Far East for a certain type of manganese used in the manufacture of munitions. Reuter.

Paris, June 26.

Eleven Chinese have been reported as having been arrested on the Belgian frontier. Reuter.

COUNTY CRICKET

London, June 26.—At Birmingham, Warwickshire lost to Surrey 376 (Shepherd 57, Hobbs 215 and Calthorpe 4 wickets for 68 runs).

Warwick 153.
Warwick (followed on) 407 (Parsons 127, Calthorpe 51).
Surrey 225 for 5 wickets (Sandham 102).

At Hull, Yorkshire beat Hants by an innings and 116 runs.
Scores: Hants 139 (Macaulay 4 wickets for 40 runs, Kilner 4 for 63).

Yorkshire 408 (Rhodes 91, Macaulay 63, Allen 95 not out).
Hants 163 (Brown 51, Macaulay 6 for 73).

At Northampton, Northamptonshire lost to Notts by seven wickets. Scores: Northants 156 (Staples 7 for 67).

Notts 214 (Wright 6 for 65).
Northants 397 (Hawtin 51, Wright 103).

Notts 340 for 3 wickets (Whyall 108, Walker 102 and Carr 70 not out).

At Colchester, Essex led Sussex on the first innings. Scores: Essex 224 (Hipkin 80).

Sussex 127 (Nicholls 4 for 47, Douglas 4 for 26).

Essex 180 for 7 declared (Eastman 48, Cox 4 for 31).

Sussex 32 for no wicket and then rain came on.

At Manchester, Lancashire beat Leicestershire by six wickets. Scores: Leicestershire 205 (Tyldesley 5 for 19).

Lancs. 226 (Astill 4 for 51).
Leicestershire 247 (Astill 93, and MacDonald 7 for 67).

Lancs. 227 for 4 wickets (Barne 78, Hopwood 51, both not out).

At Bristol, Gloucestershire defeated Oxford University by 7 wickets. Scores: Oxford 188.

Gloucestershire 277 (Dipper 73 and Smith 58).

Oxford 198 (Legge 53).
Gloucestershire 113 for 3 wickets (Dipper 51 not out).

At Bath, Somerset lost to Cambridge University by 112 runs. Scores: Cambridge 437 for 8 wickets declared (Dawson 67, Lowe 83, Dulepsinji 130 and Enthoven 62 not out).

Somerset 203 (Johnson 70 not out, Meyer 5 for 61).

Cambridge 184 for 4 declared (Dawson 88).

Somerset 305 (MacBryan 129, Hunt 51).—Reuter.

HOME SPORT

London, June 26.—At Wimbledon, in dull but cool weather, the prospect of two appearances of Mlle. Suzanne Lenglen drew another huge crowd. The centre court was showing signs of wear.

In the fourth round Borotra beat Gilbert 6-1, 7-5, 6-3. Hennessey beat Gordon-Lowe 9-7, 8-6, 3-4. In the third round the Belgian champion, Washer, beat the South African, Sherwell 6-0, 6-3, 6-1. Thus a British trio went down before the foreign onslaught.

Hennessey was most superior at the net. He played with great opportunism though he had to fight for every game. Lowe was sure, accurate but seldom went to the net; he lobbed effectively and found the American's weakness overhead. Borotra danced his way through; he was at the top of his form and brilliant in his work at the net. Both are now in the last eight.

Lacoste accompanied Borotra into the last eight, defeating one of the two remaining Americans in Casey by 8-6, 6-4, 6-1 and he meets the winner of the Jacob v. Washer match.

Suzanne Lenglen earned the right to meet Mrs. Beamish in the last eight, defeating Miss Goldsack in twenty minutes by 6-1, 6-0.

Casey used a big gun service very effectively against Lacoste but was beaten by the machine like accuracy of the Frenchman in the rallies. Lacoste placed superbly and rarely had to run. He was not extended except in the first set. The programme was curtailed owing to rain at seven o'clock.—Reuter.

London, June 26.—At Prestwick in cool, cloudy weather there was a huge attendance. The leaders at the end of the third round in the British Open Golf Championship were MacDonald Smith 221, Compston and Jim Barnes each with 226, Abe Mitchell and Ray each with 223 and Tom Fernie 225.

After the complete 72 holes Jim Barnes, an English born American, won with an aggregate of 800.

Ray and Compston were each 301, MacDonald Smith 304, Abe Mitchell 305. Five, including Taylor, followed each with 310, then came the amateur champion, Harris with 311. Other prominent players were Kirkwood 314, Havers 316, and Duffin and Polley each 320.—Reuter.

ROWDIES STILL ACTIVE

Shanghai, June 26th.
Later this afternoon several crowds of rowdies and strikers entered the Foreign settlement from Chapel and stoned and stopped trams.

In one instance they threw lime in the eyes of the tram-driver. The police hurried to the scene and dispersed the rioters.

Otherwise all is quiet. There is no change in the shipping situation.

"DAILY MAIL'S" DEMAND

London, June 26th.
The Daily Mail in a leader pointing out the increasing seriousness of the situation in China as a result of Bolshevik efforts, complains that Soviet delegation is being permitted in London while the Moscow Government is spending large sums in inciting ignorant Chinese mobs to murder Britons.

The paper demands the clearing out of Bolsheviks from England.

MR. A. J. DENNY'S DEAD

Hongkong will learn with regret that Mr. Allen Junius Denny died at Amoy on June 25 from influenza, followed, it is believed by an attack of pneumonia.

Mr. Denny was with the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank. He joined the bank in 1904 and came East two years later. He has served the Corporation in Shanghai, Tientsin, Malacca and Amoy. He was about 41 years of age.

FRENCH SAVINGS.

Mr. Philip Snowden's Views.

"If the situation in France is to be saved, and if resort to ruinous inflation is to be avoided, no time can be lost in dealing with the crisis. The Budget has not yet been voted, and credits are only available to the end of April. Enormous payments have to be made during the present year," writes Mr. Philip Snowden in the "World To-day."

"On July 1 next 3,200 million 6 per cent. bonds of the Credit National mature. These will become payable at the option of the holders. Another block of 8,236 million Treasury Bonds mature at the end of September, and a further ten milliards fall due the first week in December."

"A large amount of foreign debt will become due during this year, including 29,000,000 dollars due to America, and £11,727,000 to England. Mr. Herriot pointed out in his speech to the Senate that if, in the case of the internal debt, which has to be renewed, two-thirds of the holders of short-term bonds agree to renew their lendings the French Treasury will have to find the sum of 7,000,000,000 francs this year."

"The renewal of these short-term loans may well prove to be the final stage in the downward course of French finance, unless in the meantime something is done to restore public confidence. Already the flight of capital from France has become a serious matter. This has been confined hitherto, in the main, to the wealthier classes. The smaller holder is still the main holder of French Government stocks. If he becomes nervous then panic and chaos are unavoidable."

"The French peasant has had an unfortunate experience with foreign investments. He has lost enormous sums by his Russian investments. It may be that he will rather take the risks of holdings in the bonds of his own Government than fly to investing in other lands."

"But all depends upon the confidence of the French peasant in Government bonds, and our hearts that hoarding against the tax-gatherer and the risks of investment is increasing among the French peasantry. This is not to be wondered at when it is remembered that his capital investment in French Government bonds has depreciated by about two-thirds."

"There is a danger that under the new Government temporary tactics will be continued and no decisive action taken. In that case, complete disaster cannot be avoided. In any case, some measure of inflation is bound to happen."

"The financial crisis has probably postponed for a long time a settlement of the Inter-Allied Debt question. The French Government will make its financial position an excuse for a postponement. Great Britain is to continue to bear the burdens which the unwillingness of the French people to pay adequate taxation has imposed upon her."

To his trainer, Edward Douglas (Gully) Major Francis J. S. Murray, of Hartford Street, W. the magnificent owner, has left £500 and half of his horse.

WOMEN'S DRESS.

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency has received from Warsaw the text of an important manifesto on the subject of women's dress which has been issued by the Polish Rabbinate to the Jewish population of Poland.

The Jewish people is disturbed. Every upright heart is filled with pain because of the latest ugly modes which have invaded our Jewish homes. Our daughters, who always distinguished themselves by their modesty and their moral behaviour, are allowing themselves to be misled by the "dictatorship of fashion" and bow down to it like slaves, wearing immoral dresses which have the purpose only of exciting lust. With regret we see that this sinister mode is spreading further every day and breaking up the barrier which has for thousands of years separated us from immoral peoples and retained in our people the best and the holiest and most pure. We to the generation which has lived to see this. We to the eyes which look upon it!

We, the rabbis of the whole of Poland assembled, as the responsible leaders of the Jewish people, appeal to you, Jewish daughters, women and girls, with tears of blood in our eyes. Recall the dark days of the Great War, recall the sufferings and the miseries through which the Jewish people have passed, the number of Jewish daughters who were outraged. To-day, when God in His mercy has come to our aid, so that we can breathe freely, you, by your disgraceful fashions, are trying to forbid to bring new troubles upon our people. How can you take this grave responsibility upon yourselves? What will you answer to God, blessed be His name? Every upright person with any ethical feeling regards with disgust and with revulsion your present-day clothing. The best of the Gentiles look upon you with scorn. To us Jews it is one of the greatest of sins, and according to the holy Jewish law, a married woman wearing this immoral dress may be divorced.

In order to do away with this disgraceful mode in Jewish houses we, the assembled Rabbis of Poland, have found it necessary to issue this appeal to all our brothers and sisters in the whole of Poland, that they should form special committees in all their towns, the object of which should be to consider how, with all the means at their command, to wash off this shame from our people and to restore Jewish spotlessness and pride.

We remind you that according to Jewish law every husband and father who tolerates this immorality in his home ought to be expelled from every Jewish institution. No Jewish man may enter a place in which there are women or girls wearing these disgraceful clothes.

The tailors and dressmakers who make such dresses bear the responsibility of their sin.

We hope that our Jewish daughters who have shown such readiness to sacrifice themselves for the Jewish people will this time, too, how to our passionate appeal and will see the justice of our earnest exhortation.

Generally she is badly dressed, dowdy, and rather plain, writes Ariel Buchanan in the "London Evening News." She has no conception of the difficulties and temptations which pursue a pretty woman, and she can't even imagine them, because being a prude, she has no imagination, and would probably rather pride herself on not possessing it. "My dear, imaginative! Generally only indigestion, or nerves, and I despise people with nerves!" So she dismisses the subject with a sniff, drawing down the corners of her thin, querulous mouth. But besides the poor, ugly prude who has never had a love affair and never been tempted even the fraction of an inch from the straight and narrow path, there is the good-looking prude—the prude who, as a girl has been made love to, who has a husband and babies, who goes out in society and yet remains cold and aloof and superior to all human follies, frailties, and imperfections. She seems to float through life wrapped in a continual atmosphere of disapproval and disdain. She looks down on mankind from the far-away frozen heights of her own integrity, and she also has no sympathy, no imagination, she also considers imagination a rather improper, quite superfluous weakness. "It is so much better not to think of these things," she says a little arrogantly when somebody tries to exonerate a mutual friend who is in some way getting herself talked about. "I don't want to put myself into other people's minds, and I would very much rather not see things from their point of view. My own point of view and my own common sense are quite good enough, and they only show me that I have been more than foolish. I think I would prefer not to meet her again."

I daresay she has done nothing wrong—yet. That is really not the question, but all the same I prefer not associating with people whose ideas on morality are so very elastic. So she draws away keeping herself in chilling, formal remoteness, neither merited nor deserved, and the poor fellow who is making her acquaintance is left with a heavy heart and a heavy head.

NOTICE
EMERGENCY DISPOSAL
OF NIGHT SOIL.

In the event of a strike of night-soil-coolies the following information as to disposal of nightsoil when water closets are not available is issued to the Public.

(1) In private gardens night-soil can be disposed of by burying at a depth of two feet. Care should be taken to avoid polluting a catchment area and to avoid the lines of rainstorm drains.

(2) Sewer manholes at convenient positions throughout the Colony will be opened from 5-30 to 7-30 a.m. each day for the reception of night soil. Such manholes have been marked with red paint. No manholes will be opened on the Peak.

(3) Nightsoil may be dumped over sea walls except in Causeway Bay and the Harbour of Refuge.

(4) In Happy Valley, owing to the absence of suitable manholes, nightsoil should be buried. With regard to areas available for the purpose enquiry should be made at the Eastern District Sanitary Office, Wanchai, Telephone No. Central 3218.

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Hongkong Stock Exchange is closed from this date and the June Settlement has been postponed until Tuesday, July 7th, 1925.

By Order of the Committee, A. NISSIM, Secretary, Hongkong, June 22, 1925.

NOTICE

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE. By permission of His Excellency the Governor, the Hongkong Stock Exchange postponed their Settlement for June 23rd, to Tuesday, July 7th, 1925.

For Hongkong Stock Exchange, H. BIRKETT, Chairman. Hongkong, June 22, 1925.

NOTICE

Subscribers of the China Mail not receiving their paper every evening owing to the uncertainty of delivery as the result of the strike are invited to notify this office if they would prefer to purchase their paper from the street newsboys direct and have the amount credited to their account.

A child of five had an adult brain, weighing 493 ounces, it was stated at a City inquest.

"I never enter my tenants' rooms unless I am invited or want to borrow something."—Landlady at Marysbone County Court.

Colonel John P. Free, of Queen's Gate Terrace, W., has bequeathed £500 for the support of two old soldiers or their families in Walthamstow.

"Directly the hot weather comes, up goes the number of suicides. I have particularly noted that the number of these cases has increased in my district during the last two weeks," said Mr. Reginald Kemp, coroner for West Middlesex, at a Hounslow inquest.

A fortnight after her marriage, Mrs. Henrietta Mary Richardson, aged 48, of Great Queen Street, Holborn, was found drowned in a bath. Mrs. Richardson (said her husband) had an inquest suffered from asthma, bronchitis and anæmia, and was subject to faintness after a hot bath. A doctor stated that the woman would have been liable to a heart attack owing to the heat of the bath. The coroner adjourned the inquest for further evidence.

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